

customer over the Internet to the selling vendor and without previously transmitting a bank account number of the purchasing customer over the Internet to the selling vendor.

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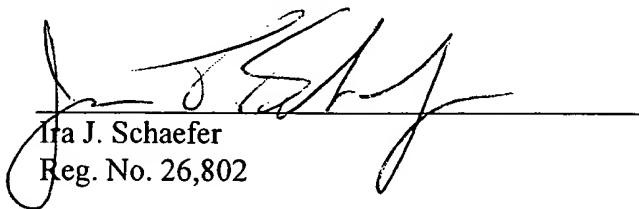
**REMARKS**

The present preliminary amendment is being submitted in order to amend the specification to identify the parent applications and to cancel claims 1-30 and substitute new claims 31-45. Applicant has also submitted an Information Disclosure Statement.

Entry of the amendment and an early favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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